

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 56. }

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, March 9, 1863.

I. Before a General Court Martial, which convened in the city of Washington, D. C., February 16, 1863, pursuant to Special Orders, No. 72, dated Headquarters of the Army, February 13, 1863, and of which Brigadier General J. J. ABERCROMBIE, U. S. Volunteers, is President, was arraigned and tried—

Major *Delozier Davidson*, 4th U. S. Infantry.

CHARGE.—“Misbehavior before the enemy.”

Specification—“In this; that Major *Delozier Davidson*, 4th U. S. Infantry, being in the immediate command of his regiment on the 27th of June, 1862, did, about the commencement of the battle of Gaines' Mill, absent himself, without authority, from his command, and did not rejoin it until the 13th of August, 1862, at the camp near Harrison's Landing, Virginia, when he returned as an exchanged prisoner from Richmond, Virginia.”

To which charge and specification the accused, Major *Delozier Davidson*, 4th U. S. Infantry, pleaded as follows:

To the *Specification*, “I admit the facts stated in the specification, but deny any criminal intent or improper motive in leaving my command.”

To the CHARGE, “Not Guilty.”

FINDING.

The Court, having maturely considered the evidence adduced, finds the accused, Major *Delozier Davidson*, 4th U. S. Infantry, as follows:

Of the *Specification*, “Guilty.”

Of the CHARGE, “Guilty.”

SENTENCE.

And the Court does therefore sentence him, Major *Delozier Davidson*, 4th U. S. Infantry, “*To be cashiered.*”

II.. The proceedings, findings, and sentence in this case are approved.
Major Delozier Davidson, 4th Infantry, ceases to be an officer in the
service of the United States.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL HALLECK:

L. THOMAS,
Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.